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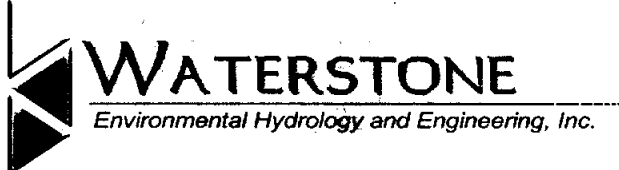
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Dear Mr Mullican,

Per our contract, TWDB Contract No. 2001-483-397, Waterstone is pleased to transmit the following items to you and your team:

1. The Final Report (10 double-sided hard copies: 9 bound and 1 photoready, unbound copy).
2. One electronic copy of the final report.

In response to the TWDB's comments the final report has undergone extensive revisions. A complete response to your letter of December 5th, 2002 are provided in the "Comments and Responses" section of the final report.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you encounter any difficulties with any of these items.

Sincerely,
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carla Johnson' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report was prepared for the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to provide decadal water demand estimates at the county level for the years 2000 through 2050. Water demand estimates are based on weighted water use coefficients and extrapolated into the future by using gross county product as the explanatory variable. Water use coefficients are derived from historic water use and economic output data. The data and projections for gross county product was prepared by The Perryman Group (TPG), an economic research and analysis firm based in Texas, for the purpose of water resource planning. Water demand was simulated for three scenarios to provide TWDB with an expected demand, a minimum demand and a maximum demand.

The economic forecasts and water demand model described in this report will also serve as a tool for making revisions to water demand estimates as more recent water use data become available. Updated information will provide more realistic projections especially where unforeseeable facility changes have occurred, resulting in dramatic changes to water demand on a county level.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

The methodology used is based on historic water use trends in conjunction with past and future economic output for the 254 counties in Texas for both the manufacturing and mining industries. Water demand is determined by applying each county's water use per unit of output (water use coefficient) to its projected output for each of the two industries. The model assumes that recent past water use trends will continue to persist. It also assumes that a correlation between industry productivity and water use are inherently intertwined. The same water demand forecast methodology is used for both manufacturing and mining, however the water demand projections for manufacturing are further reduced by water use efficiency factors as discussed in section 2.3.1.

The development of the methodology used in this report is guided in part by the 1996 Consensus-based Update to the Texas Water Plan (Volume III, Water Use Planning Data Appendix)¹, Water for Texas – 2002 (Final 2002 State Water Plan)², and the National Handbook of Recommended Methods for Water Data Acquisition – Chapter 11 – Water Use (USGS publication)³

2.1 Data

2.1.1 Water Use Estimates

The water use survey conducted each year in Texas by the TWDB provides an invaluable resource for water demand forecasting: current data produce more realistic projections. Annual historic water use estimates in the manufacturing and mining industries at the county level are available for the years 1980 and 1984 through 1999 (year 2000 data were not available at the time the report was produced). These numbers were obtained from the TWDB.

2.1.2 Gross County Product

Past values and forecasts of gross county product, at the county level, are reported every 10 years from 1970 to 2050 for mining and manufacturing. Manufacturing values are further detailed at the 2-digit Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) level. The industry type and its corresponding SIC number can be found in Appendix A.

Projections through 2030 are derived using the Texas Econometric Model (Appendix B), while years 2040 and 2050 were extrapolated since long-range patterns are believed to have been established by 2030.

At the time that TPG conducted their economic output study, the gross state product data released from the US Department of Commerce was only available through 1999 (with preliminary estimates for 2000). The subsequent release (after the projections were submitted)

¹ Water for Texas – Today and Tomorrow, A 1996 Consensus-based Update to the Texas Water Plan, Volume III, Water Use Planning Data Appendix, Water Demand/Drought Management Technical Advisory Committee, 1996.

² Water for Texas – 2002, Texas Water Development Board, Document No. GP-7-1, 2002.

³ National Handbook of Recommended Methods for Water Data Acquisition, Chapter 11 - Water Use, USGS, <http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/chapter11/>, 2002.

showed mining values of \$37.6 billion and \$29.9 billion for 1999 and 2000, respectively. These rather sizable revisions in the historical series, which mostly reflect the way price indices are constructed for this series, affects the economic output values.

A calibration adjustment was made on the mining economic output to account for the updated 2000 revision by applying a constant factor to the existing forecast. Attachment 2, in the Response to Comments, provides the response by TPG explaining the circumstances requiring this adjustment. The ratio of the “new” to the “old” values for each decade is given below:

Table 2-1: Ratio of New to Old Values of Mining Economic Output

Year	New/Old
2000	0.6626
2010	0.6458
2020	0.6557
2030	0.6655
2040	0.6754
2050	0.6854

2.2 Water Use Coefficient Derivation

The water use coefficients are uniquely determined for each county and industry expressed as acre-feet of water per unit output, where output is gross real product in millions of 1996 dollars. Based on historic water demand and gross real product, a water use coefficient can be determined by taking the ratio of water use and gross real product.

The primary method used in this study determines water use coefficients based on past and current water use trends. Water use coefficients are calculated for individual years from 1996 to 1999. Water use coefficients that appear to reflect an exceptional year and did not follow the water use pattern were removed. It was assumed that some persistence of recent trends will carry over into successive years. This is accounted for by weighing more heavily the more recent water use coefficients. Once determined, the water use coefficient is assumed to remain constant in time.

A second method was used to obtain the water use coefficient for the approximately 20 counties in which historic water use is insensitive to economic output. The water use coefficient was estimated by extrapolation based on past water use patterns instead of assuming the coefficient to be fixed through time. Water use coefficients were derived using selected data from 1990 through 1999. For each county analyzed with the secondary method the data was examined to identify a range of at least five years providing a reasonable trend in water use coefficients. The trends were exponentially declining, similar to the declines exhibited by the efficiency factors. For the secondary method, the use of a non-constant water use coefficient precludes the need for incorporating an efficiency factor: the water use coefficient trend is analogous to the trend represented with efficiency factors. As with the primary method, the variable water use coefficient is combined with the economic forecast data.

2.3 Water Demand Prediction

The water demand model uses historic trends, with emphasis on more recent data to predict the future. The model water use coefficients, water efficiency factors and economic forecasts to produce water demand predictions. A complete explanation of the model and instructions of its usage are provided in Appendix C. Confidence in the water demand projections in the near future can be relatively high, provided that the input parameters have been recently updated.

To obtain water demand projections the projected gross real product is multiplied by the county level, industry specific water use coefficients for the number of desired years. The gross real product serves as the explanatory variable to provide future water use forecasts. Gross real product reflects the value of goods and services produced expressed in constant 1996 dollars. The inherent assumption is made that as industrial output is increased, it will be reflected in increased water use. To ensure reliable water use projections the model results should be viewed on a county basis to verify that the projection magnitudes and trends are reasonable.

2.3.1 Manufacturing

Technological advancements in the future will be accompanied by water conservation and increased water use efficiency in industry. The water use efficiency factors, determined in the Texas Industrial Water Use Efficiency Study (Pequod, 1993), are applied, resulting in lower water demand projections. The Pequod study projected water use efficiency to the year 2010. In the 1996 Consensus-based Update to the Texas Water Plan, these values were updated through the year 2030 and held constant at the 2030 level through the year 2050. These efficiency factors varied for the major water use groups studied. The mean manufacturing water use efficiency values used in the model are shown in Table 2-2.

Table 2-2 Water Use Efficiency Factors

(based on values from the 1996 Consensus-based Update to the Texas Water Plan)

Year	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Water Use Efficiency Factor	0.945	0.888	0.823	0.758	0.758	0.758

2.3.2 Mining

Historically, water use efficiency factors are not used. In this study, water use efficiency factors for mining were not used. Further constraints on mining projections may be due to accessible mineral reserves. However, this limitation should be reflected in economic forecast data.

3.0 RESULTS

Water demand forecast methods relate an expected change in one or more explanatory variable to future water use. The various water demand forecasting methods differ by the level of complexity and data requirement. The methodology used in this report is rather data intensive and requires a high level of expertise to provide the gross county product.

3.1 Historic Water Use Trend

There is a great deal of variability in the temporal water use trend for manufacturing at the county level. There appears to be some consistency in the water use trend prior to 1990 and a different trend occurring for the data after 1990. To capture the more recent behavior, the water use coefficients are determined from the 1996-1999 data.

3.2 The Perryman Group Gross County Product

Economic forecast values, produced by TPG, are provided on the attached compact disc in the "Forecasting\Results\TPG_Economic_Forecasts" subdirectory. The baseline projections and representative high and low scenario values are included. All values are expressed as millions of 1996 dollars. The manufacturing data is subdivided into 2-digit SIC codes. Each table provides detailed past and projected gross county product for three scenarios: baseline, high, and low forecasts. In general the productivity trend for both mining and manufacturing is forecasted in the positive direction. This trend is most consistent in the long-term future, with slower growth in the mining industry.

Past values of gross county product are available for 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000. To obtain water use coefficients for years 1996-1999, it was necessary to interpolate the gross county product from the available data. The year 1970 was omitted since the time frame of interest is much later in time, year 2000 and onwards. For the interpolation of the 1996-1999 years, the output data for 1980-2000 were used.

3.3 County Level Water Demand Forecasts

County level manufacturing and mining water demand forecasts are presented in Appendix D and in electronic format, "Forecast_summary_final.xls", on the attached compact disc in the subdirectory "Forecasting\Results". The baseline demand forecast is accompanied by high and low projections. The table includes projections from the 2002 State Water Plan, "TWDB Forecast", for comparison.

In general the projected values in the near future (i.e. years 2000 and 2010) from the model and the projections from the 2002 State Water Plan are in agreement for both manufacturing and mining forecasts. However, a number of disagreements do arise for the county forecasts and can differ by as much as an order of magnitude. In many county cases, the long-term water use projections for mining from the 2002 State Water Plan shows a slow reduction in water demand. The forecast from the model instead predicts continued water demand, reflecting the slow but steady increase in output.

An analysis of the large discrepancies between the TWDB forecast (SWP, 2002) and the Waterstone forecasts was conducted. Without knowing the details of how the TWDB water demand forecast was determined, the reasons for the differences between the two forecasts cannot be completely understood. However, it does appear that most discrepancies can be characterized by one of the following situations:

- 1) The values from the TWDB forecast do not appear to reflect the recent water use patterns. Four such manufacturing examples brought into question by TWDB are Harrison, Comal, Milam, and Williamson.

Harrison	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TWDB (actual)	75,039	49,692	46,461	6,323	6,223	--	--	--	--	--	--
TWDB (forecast)	--	--	--	--	--	110,588	135,166	141,913	147,949	161,370	176,471
Waterstone	--	--	--	--	--	11,776	13,780	17,123	20,228	25,458	31,093

Comal	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TWDB (actual)	3,248	11,964	8,171	8,650	7,883	--	--	--	--	--	--
TWDB (forecast)	--	--	--	--	--	3,450	3,487	3,548	3,799	4,071	4,351
Waterstone	--	--	--	--	--	9,109	10,990	14,209	17,456	22,718	28,493

Milam	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TWDB (actual)	22,047	45,124	42,224	41,325	39,816	--	--	--	--	--	--
TWDB (forecast)	--	--	--	--	--	6,820	6,820	8,250	8,250	8,250	9,800
Waterstone	--	--	--	--	--	39,880	50,311	68,833	89,146	121,036	157,550

Williamson	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TWDB (actual)	326	1225	1328	1268	1182	--	--	--	--	--	--
TWDB (forecast)	--	--	--	--	--	368	398	409	405	443	481
Waterstone	--	--	--	--	--	1397	1609.5	2035	2457	2857	3157

In these cases there is a clear trend emerging in water use for the years 1996 through 1999, which should be reflected in the expected water use for year 2000 (at the time the study was made, the 2000 water use values were not available). The TWDB water forecast for the year 2000 appears to have overestimated or underestimated the water demand by a considerable amount. In most of these cases, the water demand projections from the TWDB forecast appear to follow early 1990s water use trends. For example, in Harrison county the water-use has been dropping since 1996 and is an order of magnitude smaller in 1999 than 1990. The TWDB forecast for 2000 shows water-use rate that are in line with the 1990 water-use levels while the Waterstone forecast reflects the recent reduction in water use. Other counties exhibiting this situation for manufacturing include Bell, Brazoria, and Kimble.

2) The greatest discrepancies between the TWDB and Waterstone forecasts appear in later years, after 2030. The water demand forecasts are strongly dependent on the economic output variable. For some counties there exists a high incremental economic output after 2030 resulting in higher water demands. Just a few examples of such counties are Travis, Jefferson, Bosque, McLenna, and Orange for manufacturing.

3) There were some counties where the water use trend appeared to be insensitive to the economic output. There are about a 20 counties, about 10% of all counties, that fall under this category. For these counties a secondary model has been put into place and the water demand forecast has been modified. Some of the counties that use the secondary algorithm are Dallas, Harris, and Bexar.

As a general note, water demand forecasts are susceptible to changes in input parameters. Fluctuations associated with the data used, such as historic water use demand estimates or economic output can cause significant changes in estimates. Attachment 4 discusses the impact of such a situation, and the need for adjustments to the predictions.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

When more detailed information becomes available for use in the water demand forecasting model, additional refinement is recommended. The state of Texas covers an area of more than 250,000 square miles, with a variety of geographic and climatic conditions exist. As a result, water usage rates will vary depending on the region. Performing forecasts on the county level accounts for much of this variation. An additional breakdown of water usage by SIC code would provide an even more detailed analysis. This would not necessarily require using all SIC codes since, in 1999, five of the manufacturing SIC groups accounted for approximately 90% of water usage in manufacturing (2002 Texas Water Plan). The TPG study provided detailed gross county product (output) by SIC code. At some point the TWDB may find it advantageous to use the existing SIC-code level water use estimates to resolve predictions down to the SIC code level. However, as discussed in this report and Waterstone's response to the TWDB comments, there are proprietary issues associated with data at the SIC code level. Since the proprietary issue will probably persist, Waterstone recommends that the TWDB at least lump the data on a regional basis. This level of aggregation would provide sufficient anonymity to resolve the proprietary issue, but at the same time improve upon the resolution of the predictions (Bill Hoffman, City of Austin, personal communication, 2003).

As a method of quality assurance on future predictions made using the water demand forecasting model, Waterstone recommends establishing some form of simple conceptual model for each county. These simple models would summarize industries and water usage in each county, providing perspective on any predictions of water demand. Reviewing such models as a formal step in prediction assessment would incorporate a basic level of intuition into the process. Waterstone believes that such intuition would greatly improve the process of generating reasonable predictions.

For the accuracy of future predictions made using the water demand forecasting model, the input parameters should be continually updated when current water use estimates are made available. The more recent the water use estimates, the more reliable the forecast. Updates to prediction parameters, in conjunction with the county level conceptual models discussed above, may also provide insight as to possible refinements.

Predicting water demand usage is not an exact science. There are many circumstances that will affect the way that water is used. Droughts, government legislation, and water price increases can all lead to unexpected changes. Uncertainty increases dramatically with increasing periods of projection. Despite the uncertainty, Waterstone believes that prediction is a powerful tool for planning and for assessing policy. The predictions are based on the best available data and should be used to plan for the future.

Appendix A

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Appendix B

APPENDIX B

ECONOMIC OUTPUT TECHNICAL EXPLANATION

The models used in developing the Perryman Economic Forecast are formulated in an internally consistent manner and are designed to permit the integration of relevant global, national, state, and local factors into the projection process. They are the result of more than 20 years of continuing research in econometrics, economic theory, statistical methods, and key policy issues and behavioral patterns, as well as intensive, ongoing study of all aspects of the global, US, and Texas economies.

The remainder of this Technical Appendix describes the forecasting process in a comprehensive manner, focusing on both the modeling and the supplemental analysis. The overall methodology, while certainly not ensuring perfect foresight, permits an enormous body of relevant information to impact the economic outlook in a systematic manner.

Model Logic and Structure

The expanded version of the Texas Econometric Model, developed and maintained by The Perryman Group, revolves around a core system which projects output, income, and employment by industry in a simultaneous manner. For purposes of illustration, it is useful to initially consider the employment functions. Essentially, employment within the system is a derived demand relationship obtained from a neo-Classical production function. The expressions are augmented to include dynamic temporal adjustments to changes in relative factor input costs, output and (implicitly) productivity, and technological progress over time. Thus, the typical equation includes output, the relative real cost of labor and capital, dynamic lag structures, and a technological adjustment parameter. The functional form is logarithmic, thus preserving the theoretical consistency with the neo-Classical formulation.

The income segment of the model is divided into wage and non-wage components. The wage equations, like their employment counterparts, are individually estimated at the two-digit Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) level of aggregation. Hence, income by place of work is measured for approximately 70 distinct production categories. The wage equations measure real compensation, with the form of the variable structure differing between "basic" and "non-basic."

The basic industries, comprised primarily of the various components of Mining, Agriculture, and Manufacturing, are export-oriented, i.e., they bring external dollars into the area and form the core of the economy. The production of these sectors typically flows into national and international markets; hence, the labor markets are influenced by conditions in areas beyond the borders of the particular region. Thus, real (inflation-adjusted) wages in the basic industry are expressed as a function of the corresponding national rates, as well as measures of local labor market conditions (the reciprocal of the unemployment rate), dynamic adjustment parameters, and ongoing trends.

The "non-basic" sectors are somewhat different in nature, as the strength of their labor markets is linked to the health of the local export sectors. Consequently, wages in these industries are

related to those in the basic segment of the economy. The relationship also includes the local labor market measures contained in the basic wage equations.

Note that compensation rates in the export or "basic" sectors provide a key element of the interaction of the regional economies with national and international market phenomena, while the "non-basic" or local industries are strongly impacted by area production levels. Given the wage and employment equations, multiplicative identities in each industry provide expressions for total compensation; these totals may then be aggregated to determine aggregate wage and salary income. Simple linkage equations are then estimated for the calculation of personal income by place of work.

The non-labor aspects of personal income are modeled at the regional level using straightforward empirical expressions relating to national performance, dynamic responses, and evolving temporal patterns. In some instances (such as dividends, rents, and others) national variables (for example, interest rates) directly enter the forecasting system. These factors have numerous other implicit linkages into the system resulting from their simultaneous interaction with other phenomena in national and international markets which are explicitly included in various expressions.

The output or gross area product expressions are also developed at the two-digit SIC level. Regional output for basic industries is linked to national performance in the relevant industries, local and national production in key related sectors, relative area and national labor costs in the industry, dynamic adjustment parameters, and ongoing changes in industrial interrelationships (driven by technological changes in production processes).

Output in the non-basic sectors is modeled as a function of basic production levels, output in related local support industries (if applicable), dynamic temporal adjustments, and ongoing patterns. The interindustry linkages are obtained from the input-output (impact assessment) system which is part of the overall integrated modeling structure maintained by The Perryman Group. Note that the dominant component of the econometric system involves the simultaneous estimation and projection of output, income, and employment at a disaggregated industrial level.

Several other components of the model are critical to the multi-regional forecasting process. The demographic module includes (1) a linkage equation between wage and salary (establishment) employment and household employment, (2) a labor force participation rate function, and (3) a complete age-cohort-survival population system with endogenous migration. Given household employment, labor force participation (which is a function of economic conditions and evolving patterns of worker preferences), and the working age population (from the age-cohort-survival model), the unemployment rate and level become identities.

The population system uses Census information, fertility rates, and life tables to determine the "natural" changes in population by age group. Migration, the most difficult segment of population dynamics to track, is estimated in relation to relative regional and extra-regional economic conditions over time. Because evolving economic conditions determine migration in the system, population changes are allowed to interact simultaneously with overall economic conditions.

Retail sales is related to income, interest rates, dynamic adjustments, and patterns in consumer behavior on a store group basis. Inflation at the state level relates to national patterns, indicators of relative economic conditions, and ongoing trends.

A final significant segment of the forecasting system relates to real estate absorption and activity. The short-term demand for various types of property is determined by underlying economic and demographic factors, with short-term adjustments to reflect the current status of the pertinent building cycle. In some instances, this portion of the forecast requires integration with the Multi-Regional Industry-Occupation System which is maintained by The Perryman Group.

The overall Texas Econometric Model contains numerous additional specifications, and individual expressions are modified to reflect alternative lag structures, empirical properties of the estimates, simulation requirements, and similar phenomena. Nonetheless, the above synopsis offers a basic understanding of the overall structure and underlying logic of the system.

Model Simulation and Multi-Regional Structure

The initial phase of the simulation process is the execution of a standard non-linear algorithm for the state system and that of each of the individual sub-areas. The external assumptions are derived from scenarios developed through national and international models and extensive analysis by The Perryman Group.

Once the initial simulations are completed, they are merged into a single system with additive constraints and interregional flows. Using information on minimum regional requirements, import needs, export potential, and locations, it becomes possible to balance the various forecasts into a mathematically consistent set of results. This process is, in effect, a disciplining exercise with regard to the individual regional (including metropolitan and rural) systems. By compelling equilibrium across all regions and sectors, the algorithm ensures that the patterns in state activity are reasonable in light of smaller area dynamics and, conversely, that the regional outlooks are within plausible performance levels for the state as a whole.

The iterative simulation process has the additional property of imposing a global convergence criterion across the entire multi-regional system, with balance being achieved simultaneously on both a sectoral and a geographic basis. This approach is particularly critical on non-linear dynamic systems, as independent simulations of individual systems often yield unstable, non-convergent outcomes.

It should be noted that the underlying data for the modeling and simulation process are frequently updated and revised by the various public and private entities compiling them. Whenever those modifications to the database occur, they bring corresponding changes to the structural parameter estimates of the various systems and the solutions to the simulation and forecasting system. The multi-regional version of the Texas Econometric Model is automatically re-estimated and simulated with each such data release, thus providing a constantly evolving and current assessment of state and local business activity.

The Final Forecast

The process described above is followed to produce the preliminary forecast. Through the comprehensive multi-regional modeling and simulation process, a systematic analysis is generated which accounts for both historical patterns in economic performance and inter-relationships and best available information on the future course of pertinent external factors. While the best available techniques and data are employed in this effort, they are not capable of directly capturing "street sense," i.e., the contemporaneous and often non-quantifiable information that can materially affect economic outcomes. In order to provide a comprehensive approach to the prediction of business conditions, it is necessary to compile and assimilate extensive material regarding "what's happenin'" both across the state of Texas and elsewhere.

This critical aspect of the forecasting methodology includes activities such as (1) daily review of hundreds of financial and business publications and electronic information sites; (2) review of all major newspapers in the state on a daily basis; (3) dozens of hours of direct telephone interviews with key business and political leaders in all parts of the state; (4) face-to-face discussions with representatives of major industry groups; and (5) frequent site visits to the various regions of the state. The insights arising from this "fact finding" are analyzed and evaluated for their effects on the likely course of the future activity.

Another vital information resource stems from the firm's ongoing interaction with key players in the international, domestic, and state economic scenes. Such activities include visiting with corporate groups on a regular basis and being regularly involved in the policy process at all levels. The firm is also an active participant in many major corporate relocations, economic development initiatives, and regulatory proceedings.

Once organized, this information is carefully assessed and, when appropriate, independently verified. The impact on specific communities and sectors that is distinct from what is captured by the econometric system is then factored into the forecast analysis. For example, the opening or closing of a major facility, particularly in a relatively small area, can cause a sudden change in business performance that will not be accounted for by either a modeling system based on historical relationships or expected (primarily national and international) factors.

The final step in the forecasting process is the integration of this material into the results in a logical and mathematically consistent manner. In some instances, this task is accomplished through "constant adjustment factors" which augment relevant equations. In other cases, anticipated changes in industrial structure or regulatory parameters are initially simulated within the context of the Texas Multi-Regional Impact Assessment System to estimate their ultimate effects by sector. Those findings are then factored into the simulation as constant adjustments on a distributed temporal basis. Once this scenario is formulated, the extended system is again balanced across regions and sectors through an iterative simulation algorithm analogous to that described in the preceding section.

There are those who maintain that the best forecasts are generated by complex models that capture the interactive forces that drive economic activity. There are others who claim that the optimal approach is to rely on the informed judgment of those who are involved in the process. On this issue, I stand firmly in the middle. I have long held that well-developed models are invaluable tools. They impose logic and consistency on millions of interrelated phenomena and, when properly structured, provide key insights into the ways in which changes in part of the economy work through the entire system. On the other hand, I realize that the knowledge on

the streets (both Main and Wall) is equally essential to reliable forecasting. I view my mission for my clients and subscribers as providing the best information I possibly can. I can only do that by combining the two approaches.

As much as some of my colleagues in the quantitative world hate to admit it, there is an irrefutable rationale in statistical theory for using judgmental, non-quantitative information in the preparation of forecasts. Specifically, the desirable property of statistical efficiency (minimum variance) can only be achieved if a prior condition, known as statistical sufficiency, is satisfied. Statistical sufficiency, in turn, requires that all relevant information be used, be it an economic time series published by a government agency or the thoughts and insights of a local building contractor. It's really pretty simple: the more relevant the information, the better the forecast.

Synopsis

No forecasting technique is perfect. There are no guarantees. Wars, assassinations, natural disasters, technological breakthroughs, and countless other factors can alter the course of the economy in a heartbeat. Subtle changes in the underlying structure of the economy may not be perceptible in the data for decades, and the future policy environment is anything but certain. Consumer and business expectations can shift with the wind, responding to things far removed from local conditions. At The Perryman Group, we don't promise perfect forecasts. To do so would be patently foolish. We do pledge, however, to use the best information and systems available to provide a reasonable, rational picture of the future course of economic activity. Our expanded modeling systems reflect this commitment which has been consistent and unyielding over the course of the past two decades.

Appendix C

APPENDIX C

The models for the baseline water demand, and the minimum and maximum ranges of demand, are found in the EXCEL spreadsheets, Forecast_base_final.xls, Forecast_lo_final.xls, and Forecast_hi_final.xls, respectively, on the attached compact disc, in the subdirectory "Forecasting\Results". Each file contains the supporting data in individual worksheets, required to determine manufacturing and mining water demand projections. In the table below, the worksheet title and its contents are described.

Worksheet Title	Worksheet Content
man_data	manufacturing projections from 2002 Texas Water Plan
min_data	mining projections from 2002 Texas Water Plan
tpg(_lo)(_hi)	TPG gross real product values
Twdb	historic water use estimates
Manuf	manufacturing model
Mining	mining model
man_summary	manufacturing forecast for all counties
min_summary	mining forecast for all counties

The county to be modeled is referenced by its county index number. This number is entered in the top left hand corner and is defined as the county number less one. The input of the county index number will automatically reference the corresponding historic water use and gross real product values from the other worksheets. Plots of the historic water use and gross real product are then displayed. The third plot is a comparison of the two data sets in the range where the water use coefficient are determined. Below these plots are various curve fits to TPG data between 1980 and 2000. Given that there are only three data points, the suggested curve fit is the polynomial curve. However, when appropriate, a linear or exponential curve fit can be used instead. Enter '1' to select a linear fit, '2' for a polynomial fit and '3' to use an exponential. Once the output values have been interpolated, the water use coefficient is calculated and the water demand projections are made for both the primary and secondary models. For the manufacturing data, the projections are further modified by the efficiency factor found in Table 1.

Two short macros have been written to automate the process of entering the county index number and collecting the data into one worksheet. The macros 'allmanf' and 'allming' will create a full summary of the resulting forecasts in the worksheets man_summary and min_summary, respectively.

The secondary algorithm is used when the observed water use trend is insensitive to economic output. This is determined on a county by county basis. When such a situation arises, the water use coefficients are calculated for a decade and the water use coefficients are ordered from low to high. The range of years that produce exponentially declining water use coefficient are then used to arrive at water demand forecast values.

Appendix D

Appendix D Water Demand Forecasts By County In Acre-Feet/Year

MANUFACTURING								MINING							
		2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050			2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
1	ANDERSON	180	209	259	304	379	458	1		342	414	526	603	685	774
		180	138	170	198	244	292			342	349	443	508	577	652
		180	278	349	411	513	619			342	479	609	696	793	896
		153	164	172	179	194	208			252	168	93	81	40	31
2	ANDREWS	11	12	16	19	23	28	2		1,389	1,992	2,392	2,577	2,764	2,955
		11	8	8	9	12	14			1,389	1,577	1,894	2,040	2,189	2,340
		11	18	23	28	35	43			1,389	2,406	2,890	3,114	3,340	3,571
		36	38	39	39	45	51			4,364	2,846	1,854	1,328	1,134	1,103
3	ANGELINA	20,099	23,639	29,528	34,961	44,101	54,002	3		23	33	42	48	55	62
		20,099	19,399	24,247	28,713	36,231	44,389			23	19	24	27	31	35
		20,099	27,880	34,809	41,209	51,971	63,614			23	48	61	70	79	89
		30,000	32,260	34,877	37,818	41,138	45,000			36	40	45	51	57	64
4	ARANSAS	314	350	411	461	554	651	4		84	123	169	185	213	244
		314	216	252	280	332	388			84	107	138	181	185	212
		314	463	571	643	775	915			84	139	179	209	241	275
		352	430	497	572	684	810			119	85	57	29	14	7
5	ARCHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	5		1	1	1	1	2	2
		0	0	0	0	0	0			1	1	1	1	1	1
		0	0	0	0	0	0			1	1	2	2	2	2
		0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
6	ARMSTRONG	0	0	0	0	0	0	6		19	26	32	34	37	40
		0	0	0	0	0	0			19	13	16	17	19	20
		0	0	0	0	0	0			19	40	48	52	58	60
		0	0	0	0	0	0			25	24	25	26	26	28
7	ATASCOSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	7		1,028	1,393	1,710	1,891	2,080	2,277
		0	0	0	0	0	0			1,028	1,154	1,416	1,568	1,722	1,866
		0	0	0	0	0	0			1,028	1,632	2,004	2,216	2,437	2,668
		0	0	0	0	0	0			1,558	1,583	1,893	1,804	1,918	2,048
8	AUSTIN	113	139	183	226	294	369	8		41	47	60	69	79	90
		113	78	100	123	161	201			41	39	50	58	66	75
		113	202	266	328	428	537			41	55	70	80	92	104
		120	147	176	207	249	296			97	74	53	35	28	27
9	BAILEY	129	146	171	191	227	266	9		7	6	7	7	8	8
		129	73	86	96	115	134			7	3	4	4	4	4
		129	218	256	286	340	398			7	9	11	11	12	12
		172	199	224	247	281	315			25	25	25	27	27	27
10	BANDERA	0	0	0	0	0	0	10		14	15	18	20	22	24
		0	0	0	0	0	0			14	11	14	15	17	18
		0	0	0	0	0	0			14	19	23	25	28	31
		11	13	15	16	19	22			25	25	26	27	27	27
11	BASTROP	45	59	82	108	151	202	11		26	37	50	60	72	88
		45	43	59	78	108	144			26	28	38	48	58	68
		45	75	104	139	195	260			26	48	61	74	89	106
		33	40	48	57	67	78			56	46	36	33	34	43
12	BAYLOR	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		32	37	45	48	51	55
		0	0	0	0	0	0			32	27	33	35	38	40
		0	0	0	0	0	0			32	47	57	61	65	69
		0	0	0	0	0	0			32	21	10	5	0	0
13	BEE	1	1	2	2	2	3	13		26	34	44	52	59	68
		1	1	1	1	1	2			26	29	38	44	50	58
		1	2	2	3	4	4			26	40	51	59	68	78
		1	1	2	2	2	3			24	14	6	3	0	0
14	BELL	746	897	1,142	1,384	1,782	2,224	14		136	206	293	377	478	598
		746	578	728	869	1,108	1,372			136	114	162	208	263	330
		746	1,215	1,558	1,899	2,457	3,077			136	298	425	548	692	866
		4,040	4,640	6,320	7,620	8,380	8,700			155	157	162	168	171	176
15	BEXAR	20,879	22,342	25,908	28,754	31,222	32,741	15		3,292	4,783	6,131	7,095	8,140	9,280
		20,879	16,650	18,922	20,595	21,999	22,788			3,292	4,083	5,209	6,027	6,915	7,983
		20,879	28,034	32,994	38,913	40,445	42,683			3,292	5,503	7,054	8,162	9,365	10,876
		16,805	19,682	22,359	24,935	28,264	31,697			4,963	4,936	5,201	5,406	5,645	5,962
16	BLANCO	0	0	0	0	0	0	16		8	8	10	11	12	14
		0	0	0	0	0	0			8	5	6	7	8	9
		0	0	0	0	0	1			8	11	13	15	17	19
		0	0	0	0	0	0			13	9	5	1	0	0
17	BORDEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	17		694	822	987	1,084	1,141	1,220
		0	0	0	0	0	0			694	470	564	608	652	697
		0	0	0	0	0	0			694	1,174	1,411	1,520	1,630	1,743
		48	57	68	80	94	109			934	778	701	677	665	672
18	BOSQUE	682	847	1,130	1,420	1,884	2,394	18		238	313	419	505	602	712
		682	556	726	894	1,167	1,467			238	157	210	253	301	358
		682	1,137	1,534	1,947	2,601	3,320			238	470	629	758	904	1,069

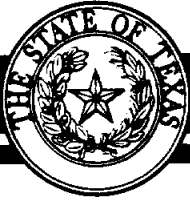
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MANUFACTURING								MINING							
	CNTY	NAME	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050		2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
BASLINE	191	RANDALL	251	304	395	483	622	768	BASLINE	15	25	33	39	46	53
LOW	191		251	178	229	278	356	438	LOW	15	19	26	30	36	42
HIGH	191		251	429	560	688	887	1,098	HIGH	15	30	40	47	56	65
TWDB Forecast	191		557	517	472	475	478	482	TWDB Forecast	8	6	5	5	5	7
BASLINE	192	REAGAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	BASLINE	1,419	1,710	2,139	2,415	2,707	3,019
LOW	192		0	0	0	0	0	0	LOW	1,419	1,407	1,761	1,988	2,229	2,485
HIGH	192		0	0	0	0	0	0	HIGH	1,419	2,012	2,517	2,842	3,186	3,552
TWDB Forecast	192		0	0	0	0	0	0	TWDB Forecast	1,589	1,524	1,474	1,427	1,439	1,481
BASLINE	193	REAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	BASLINE	7	10	13	16	18	21
LOW	193		0	0	0	0	0	0	LOW	7	5	7	8	9	10
HIGH	193		0	0	0	0	0	0	HIGH	7	15	20	24	27	31
TWDB Forecast	193		0	0	0	0	0	0	TWDB Forecast	13	9	5	2	0	0
BASLINE	194	RED RIVER	5	6	7	8	10	12	BASLINE	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOW	194		5	4	5	6	7	9	LOW	0	0	0	0	0	0
HIGH	194		5	7	9	11	13	16	HIGH	0	0	0	0	0	0
TWDB Forecast	194		11	15	17	19	21	25	TWDB Forecast	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASLINE	195	REEVES	1,028	1,127	1,283	1,387	1,607	1,832	BASLINE	112	206	247	266	286	305
LOW	195		1,028	570	648	700	810	922	LOW	112	134	162	174	187	200
HIGH	195		1,028	1,685	1,919	2,075	2,404	2,741	HIGH	112	277	333	359	385	411
TWDB Forecast	195		12	13	13	13	14	15	TWDB Forecast	175	136	116	113	112	115
BASLINE	196	REFUGIO	0	0	0	0	0	0	BASLINE	19	63	81	94	109	124
LOW	196		0	0	0	0	0	0	LOW	19	52	67	78	90	103
HIGH	196		0	0	0	0	0	0	HIGH	19	74	95	110	127	146
TWDB Forecast	196		0	0	0	0	0	0	TWDB Forecast	44	26	19	11	4	4
BASLINE	197	ROBERTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	BASLINE	8	11	14	15	16	17
LOW	197		0	0	0	0	0	0	LOW	8	6	7	7	8	9
HIGH	197		0	0	0	0	0	0	HIGH	8	17	21	22	24	26
TWDB Forecast	197		0	0	0	0	0	0	TWDB Forecast	11	11	9	8	8	8
BASLINE	198	ROBERTSON	52	67	93	122	168	222	BASLINE	101	147	190	221	255	291
LOW	198		52	47	65	83	113	148	LOW	101	91	117	136	157	179
HIGH	198		52	86	121	160	223	296	HIGH	101	204	263	306	353	403
TWDB Forecast	198		42	51	61	72	84	98	TWDB Forecast	45	45	45	45	45	45
BASLINE	199	ROCKWALL	17	23	32	42	59	79	BASLINE	38	57	75	89	104	122
LOW	199		17	11	16	21	30	40	LOW	38	38	50	59	70	82
HIGH	199		17	34	47	63	89	118	HIGH	38	75	99	118	139	162
TWDB Forecast	199		5	6	6	6	6	6	TWDB Forecast	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASLINE	200	RUNNELS	43	51	64	76	96	118	BASLINE	26	26	31	33	35	37
LOW	200		43	36	45	54	68	84	LOW	26	21	25	26	28	30
HIGH	200		43	66	83	99	124	152	HIGH	26	31	37	40	42	45
TWDB Forecast	200		47	56	68	80	95	112	TWDB Forecast	35	28	26	25	25	25
BASLINE	201	RUSK	86	100	125	147	183	223	BASLINE	1,253	1,728	2,195	2,515	2,858	3,229
LOW	201		86	69	85	99	123	149	LOW	1,253	1,465	1,860	2,131	2,422	2,736
HIGH	201		86	131	164	194	244	296	HIGH	1,253	1,992	2,530	2,899	3,294	3,722
TWDB Forecast	201		344	382	425	469	512	559	TWDB Forecast	1,498	901	399	238	137	14
BASLINE	202	SABINE	331	397	511	621	796	984	BASLINE	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOW	202		331	349	452	552	709	879	LOW	0	0	0	0	0	0
HIGH	202		331	444	570	690	882	1,089	HIGH	0	0	0	0	0	0
TWDB Forecast	202		1,837	1,958	2,078	2,196	2,313	2,427	TWDB Forecast	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASLINE	203	SAN AUGUSTINE	4	4	6	7	9	11	BASLINE	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOW	203		4	4	5	6	7	9	LOW	0	0	0	0	0	0
HIGH	203		4	5	7	8	11	14	HIGH	0	0	0	0	0	0
TWDB Forecast	203		0	0	0	0	0	0	TWDB Forecast	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASLINE	204	SAN JACINTO	30	36	47	57	75	95	BASLINE	36	50	64	73	83	94
LOW	204		30	18	23	29	38	47	LOW	36	30	38	43	49	55
HIGH	204		30	54	70	86	113	142	HIGH	36	71	90	103	117	132
TWDB Forecast	204		24	27	31	34	38	41	TWDB Forecast	76	52	30	10	2	0
BASLINE	205	SAN PATRICIO	11,291	13,146	16,204	19,028	23,813	29,020	BASLINE	73	92	114	128	143	158
LOW	205		11,291	9,819	11,914	13,775	17,002	20,494	LOW	73	75	94	106	118	131
HIGH	205		11,291	16,474	20,494	24,280	30,624	37,546	HIGH	73	108	134	150	167	185
TWDB Forecast	205		20,164	24,645	28,330	32,414	38,535	45,682	TWDB Forecast	103	97	96	96	97	100
BASLINE	206	SAN SABA	13	15	18	21	26	32	BASLINE	138	181	238	282	330	384
LOW	206		13	8	10	11	14	16	LOW	138	120	158	188	220	256
HIGH	206		13	22	27	31	39	47	HIGH	138	241	317	376	441	513
TWDB Forecast	206		0	0	0	0	0	0	TWDB Forecast	172	133	124	123	122	126
BASLINE	207	SCHLEICHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	BASLINE	87	119	149	168	188	210
LOW	207		0	0	0	0	0	0	LOW	87	100	125	141	158	176
HIGH	207		0	0	0	0	0	0	HIGH	87	138	173	195	219	244
TWDB Forecast	207		0	0	0	0	0	0	TWDB Forecast	147	125	107	104	102	105
BASLINE	208	SCURRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	BASLINE	2,071	2,500	2,973	3,178	3,384	3,594
LOW	208		0	0	0	0	0	0	LOW	2,071	2,202	2,619	2,800	2,982	3,166
HIGH	208		0	0	0	0	0	0	HIGH	2,071	2,797	3,326	3,556	3,787	4,021

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MANUFACTURING								MINING									
	CNTY	NAME	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050				2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
BASELINE	248	WINKLER	0	0	0	0	0	0	BASELINE	1,013	1,459	1,753	1,888	2,026	2,166		
LOW	248		0	0	0	0	0	0	LOW	1,013	896	1,077	1,160	1,244	1,330		
HIGH	248		0	0	0	0	0	0	HIGH	1,013	2,023	2,429	2,617	2,807	3,001		
TWDB Forecast	248		8	10	11	12	14	17	TWDB Forecast	2,040	1,779	1,605	1,436	1,360	1,398		
BASELINE	249	WISE	2,208	2,795	3,807	4,862	6,503	8,287	BASELINE	14,288	17,818	22,913	26,501	30,377	34,585		
LOW	249		2,208	1,667	2,240	2,827	3,748	4,751	LOW	14,288	16,500	21,218	24,541	28,130	32,026		
HIGH	249		2,208	3,924	5,375	6,897	9,258	11,824	HIGH	14,288	19,136	24,608	28,462	32,624	37,143		
TWDB Forecast	249		5,420	5,921	6,435	6,957	7,496	8,038	TWDB Forecast	4,086	3,902	3,965	4,057	4,172	4,297		
BASELINE	250	WOOD	117	135	164	190	233	279	BASELINE	274	778	988	1,132	1,286	1,453		
LOW	250		117	81	98	112	136	161	LOW	274	578	734	841	956	1,080		
HIGH	250		117	188	231	268	331	396	HIGH	274	977	1,241	1,422	1,616	1,825		
TWDB Forecast	250		244	290	341	391	468	544	TWDB Forecast	2,102	17,584	17,344	17,107	16,107	4,641		
BASELINE	251	YOAKUM	0	0	0	0	0	0	BASELINE	4,913	5,247	6,161	6,491	6,820	7,150		
LOW	251		0	0	0	0	0	0	LOW	4,913	4,340	5,095	5,368	5,640	5,914		
HIGH	251		0	0	0	0	0	0	HIGH	4,913	6,155	7,226	7,614	8,000	8,387		
TWDB Forecast	251		0	0	0	0	0	0	TWDB Forecast	7,298	5,963	4,872	3,981	3,253	2,658		
BASELINE	252	YOUNG	16	19	25	30	39	47	BASELINE	147	212	253	272	292	311		
LOW	252		16	11	14	17	21	26	LOW	147	196	234	251	269	287		
HIGH	252		16	28	36	44	56	69	HIGH	147	228	273	294	314	336		
TWDB Forecast	252		158	182	203	223	258	299	TWDB Forecast	255	179	148	134	125	129		
BASELINE	253	ZAPATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	BASELINE	30	42	53	58	64	70		
LOW	253		0	0	0	0	0	0	LOW	30	27	33	37	41	45		
HIGH	253		0	0	0	0	0	0	HIGH	30	58	72	80	88	96		
TWDB Forecast	253		0	0	0	0	0	0	TWDB Forecast	20	6	3	1	0	0		
BASELINE	254	ZAVALA	704	782	907	1,002	1,184	1,373	BASELINE	33	31	41	48	55	63		
LOW	254		704	578	668	734	863	997	LOW	33	22	29	34	39	45		
HIGH	254		704	985	1,147	1,270	1,508	1,750	HIGH	33	40	53	62	71	82		
TWDB Forecast	254		1,407	1,507	1,582	1,642	1,780	1,914	TWDB Forecast	97	42	25	8	2	0		

**COMMENTS
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Re: Research Grant Contract Between Waterstone Environmental Hydrology and Engineering, Inc. (WEHEI), and the Texas Water Development Board (Board), Draft Report Entitled "Water Demand Methodology and Projections for Mining and Manufacturing," Contract No. 2001-483-397

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Staff members of the Texas Water Development Board have completed a review of the draft report under TWDB Contract No. 2001-483-397. Comments are presented in Attachment 1. Due to the content of the Board comments, please submit two (2) copies of a revised draft final report for review.

Please contact Dr. Dan Hardin at (512) 936-0880 if you have any questions about the Board's comments.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT 1

Review Comments on Research Grant Contract for
 " Water Demand Methodology and Projections for Mining and Manufacturing"
 Contract No. 2001-483-397

This Waterstone draft is disappointing. Very few of the proposed objectives/deliverables are completely fulfilled, the projections are not defensible, and the final report is eight months late. This creates a hardship to TWDB staff that shouldn't have occurred and could have been prevented.

The results of this study are significantly different from the previous 2002 state projections for the manufacturing and mining water demand, as indicated below. Unfortunately, this study did not provide any explanation for these differences. Please provide sufficient justification for these drastic differences or make significant adjustments to the projections.

	Water Demand Growth for Manufacturing (2000-2050)	Water Demand Growth for Mining (2000-2050)
Low (Study)	121%	102%
Base (Study)	184%	154%
High (Study)	306%	202%
SWP 2002	47%	-3%

The table shown below lists the objectives and deliverables identified in Waterstone's proposal.

An analysis of previous TWDB projections or research into more recent water-use efficiency estimates was located. In addition, no evidence of Waterstone's consultation with experts in the areas of mining or manufacturing water use was found. The most insightful statements regarding manufacturing water use in Texas came from the TWDB's own State Water Plan.

The Perryman Group did provide manufacturing and mining demand forecasts, however the forecast at the 2-digit Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes were not included in the report and would be crucial for continuing work in manufacturing and mining water demand projections.

Though the final report was clear and concise, it failed to provide and document in-depth information on Texas manufacturing or mining water use.

OBJECTIVE STATED IN THE WATERSTONE PROPOSAL	STATUS
Task 1: Uncertainty Analysis of Previous TWDB Water Use Efficiency Estimates	
1) "... we will also determine the accuracy of the TWDB predictions made by Mr. Butch Bloodworth using data from the last survey by Pequod Associates." (A-18)	Can't Find
2) "We will calculate the differences between the predicted water use efficiency estimates and compare them to the actual data obtained from an updated survey (if necessary)." (A-18)	Can't Find

3) "...we will only survey the manufacturing industry to update the water use efficiency estimates expected to be attained over the 2000-2050 period." (A-18)	Can't Find
<p>It appears that this study did not conduct an extensive analysis of the previous TWDB water use efficiency estimates. Instead, this study shows the differences in water demand projections but does not identify the causes of the differences. It simply states, "It is unclear why this discrepancy arises" (pp. 4). The causes must be identified with supporting documentation.</p>	
<p>Task 2: Industry Expert Analysis and Input-Output Analysis</p>	
1) "Waterstone will provide expertise on technological advance in the mining industry." (A-18)	Can't Find
2) "While not yet identified, an expert on high-tech manufacturing technologies and an expert on traditional Texas manufacturing will be interviewed to support TPG in developing manufacturing water-use estimates." (A-18)	Can't Find
3) "...industry experts will investigate the developing technologies that have resulted in significant changes in how water is use to produce output in Texas. ... This analysis will provide our research time and the TWDB with accurate information on how industries alter their operations to maintain output in response to both short and long-term water shortages." (A-19)	Can't Find
4) "As requested in the RFQ, we will also identify specific types of firms for which water use is not directly related to production of output." (A-19)	Can't Find
<p>No documentation of any consultation with experts regarding technological changes or industry-specific water use patterns that could affect the water demand projections directly is provided.</p>	
<p>Due to the lack of information on how TPG conducted the Input-Output analysis, it is difficult to determine how the first item under Task 2 was accomplished.</p>	
<p>Task 3: Water Demand Forecast by Industry</p>	
1) "...provide a 'best guess' or mean (average) demand forecast along with maximum and minimum ranges of demand [on a county by county basis]." (A-19)	YES
<p>However, rationale is provided for the three different scenarios (base, low and high) of water demand projections.</p>	
<p>Task 4 Reporting</p>	
1) "Our findings will be written in a clear, concise, yet comprehensive report." (A-19)	Yes

<p>2) "We will meet with the TWDB several times during the research... Once completed, a final presentation on the results of this research will be given." (A-19)</p>	<p>Not to our knowledge</p>
<p>This report needs more detail in order that TWDB staff can understand the approaches and procedures taken to develop the final draft report.</p> <p>No TPG study was provided separately; only the resulting data was submitted.</p> <p>No meetings or presentations were held for the appropriate TWDB staff.</p>	

Comments Regarding Portions of the Report

1) The water-use coefficients should be calculated at the county level and at the 2-digit SIC code specification. In the manufacturing industries, one type of industry may make up 100% of the water use, but only 60% of the gross output. Of greater concern, the intensive water-using industries may be forecast at different rates than those industries that use less water.

A similar problem may exist with the mining industries, particularly in the oil and gas extraction industry. Though oil & gas extraction would produce a large amount of economic output, fresh water use in large volume is utilized only in enhanced recovery extraction efforts.

Due to SB2, TWDB was not able to release water-use data below the county level, but some compensation should have been possible due to Waterstone's expertise in mining and with consultations with Texas manufacturing experts.

2) At the end of page 2, the text mentions that "The mean manufacturing water use efficiency values used in the model are shown in Table 1" and lists the source as the 1996 Plan. What type of mean is this? When the same information was looked up in the 1996 Plan, it lists efficiency schedules for five manufacturing industries. The 'mean efficiency values' listed in the report match the efficiency values for three of the five industries exactly. The efficiency levels for the unmatched industries were significantly higher, so how is what is listed in Table 1 a mean?

Comments Regarding the Water Demand Projections

In a number of counties, the manufacturing water demand projections are so different from the historical usage, that it's not certain that the projections could be presented to the regions as draft projections without significant amount of adjustment. This is the same for the mining water demand projections, though for fewer counties.

Methodology

Following is a brief discussion of some of the problems inherent in the Waterstone methodology:

According to the 2002 TWDB state plan, there are five kinds of manufacturing products (2 digit SIC code), which account for about 90 percent of the total manufacturing water use in Texas. The plan also indicates that each of the SIC code has a different water use pattern. Therefore,

it is critical to understand the relationship between output and water use by SIC code, as well as the different dynamics of economy within individual county, in order to obtain more accurate water demand projections for a long time period.

However, the Waterstone study simply calculates the average water use coefficient of all the manufacturing output by county and applies it to all the manufacturing categories. As a result, this analysis could not take into account the different water use patterns affected by the combination of various industry-specific growth rate and water use coefficient within a county. This may account for the trend in the gap (between the projection numbers of this study and the 2002 plan), compounding as we move further from the year 2000.

Since there is no detailed document about the Input-Output study conducted by TPG, the county gross output analysis cannot be reviewed adequately. This must be included in this report, along with the detailed output data by SIC code.

The report does not discuss the factors such as technological changes that might affect water use efficiency in the future. Instead, this study adopted the water use efficiency analysis conducted in 1993 by Pequod. Although the Waterstone study reported on the average number of water use efficiency estimates, it does not indicate how the number was arrived at and why the average value is used instead of the actual numbers varied by SIC code as shown in the Pequod study.

Pequod Study

Category	SIC	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Chemical and Allied	28	0.96	0.92	0.88	0.83	0.83	0.83
Pulp and Paper	26	0.93	0.86	0.78	0.70	0.70	0.70
Semiconductor	36	0.91	0.82	0.71	0.40	0.40	0.40
Petroleum Refining	29	0.96	0.92	0.88	0.83	0.83	0.83

Waterstone Study

Manufacturing	Average	0.96	0.92	0.88	0.83	0.83	0.83
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This approach probably does not capture the differences created by industry compositions, which vary by county. For instance, Harris County has SIC code 26, which takes about 55% of the total manufacturing water use. Due to the high share of the total water use by this manufacturing category in Harris County, if we use SIC code-specific water use efficiency estimates shown in the Pequod study, the total water use estimates would be less than those obtained from using the average water use efficiency estimate.

Regarding the water demand projections for mining, the Waterstone report doesn't currently reflect information on the Texas mining industry and its water use pattern or its technological advances that could lead to improvement of water use efficiencies in mining.

One of the tasks for the Waterstone study was to identify the water use efficiency factors. However, the report only states, "Water use efficiency factors for mining do not exist and were not used. If such values can be determined, mining water demand values can be reduced." This sort of observation does not reflect good faith effort by Waterstone.

When the total county gross product for mining is compared with that of the Texas comptroller's state gross product forecast, between the years 2000 and 2020, the TPG's projections for mining appear to be over-estimated.

	State Gross Product Growth for Mining (2000-2020)
Low (Study)	61%
Base (Study)	91%
High (Study)	119%
Texas Comptroller's Forecast	36%

Additional Comments:

- In the tables at the back of the report, there are no labels on the manufacturing numbers (low, high, etc.), and on the mining numbers, there are no associated county names.

Manufacturing Projections:

- La Salle County has #Div/0! Error in the manufacturing projections data table. (Loving, McMullen, and Kenedy Counties also have that error in the electronic data).
- Harrison County was one of the Top 10 manufacturing water use counties in the 2002 plan. No information was presented on what accounts for such a significant drop in the water use in that county.
- What accounts for the significant increase in manufacturing water demand in Comal County?
- What accounts for the significant increase in manufacturing water demand in Jasper County?
- Harris County skyrockets after the 2030 projection (projection was done through 2030 by Perryman). What causes this significant increase after 2030? Dallas, Bexar, Cass, Gray, Grayson, Jefferson, McLennan, Nueces, Orange and Fort Bend Counties exhibit this same divergence after 2030 as well.
- Milam, Morris, Victoria, Travis, Potter, Williamson and Wichita counties in this set of projections have a significant increase in water demand over the 2002 Plan numbers.

Mining Projections:

- When comparing numbers to the 2002 Plan, the following counties now show a significant decrease in mining water demand: Lee, Matagorda, Milam.
- What accounts for the significant increase in mining water use is Anderson, Kleberg, Hockley, Gaines, Leon, Lubbock, Rusk, Stephens and Titus counties when in the 2002 Plan, these number overall 50 year trend was a decrease in water demand?

- The following mining demand numbers are significantly higher than the 2002 Plan numbers without much evidence presented in the report: Bell, Bexar, Brazoria, Brown, Comal, Chambers, Colorado, Ector, Live Oak, Nueces, Victoria, Wise, and Yoakum.
- Overall the 2050 projection in the 2002 TWDB plan is half of what is projected in this set of data. This seems like a significant increase without much supporting information provided.

**RESPONSE
TO
COMMENTS**



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Dear Mr. Mullican,

As requested in your letter dated December 5th, 2002, Waterstone has incorporated and responded to the comments that were provided in Attachment 1 of your letter. Waterstone has expended considerable efforts to address the concerns expressed by the reviewers. The results of these efforts are summarized as Attachment 1 to this letter. The four attachments included with this letter, as well as the final report and The Perryman Group's economic forecasts, will demonstrate to you the level of conviction that Waterstone has regarding your satisfaction with the final product.

Several comments were requests for results that Waterstone is unable to produce, either because the full extent of the request is beyond a reasonable interpretation of the contract, or because the requested results were not promised in the contract. For example, considering the monetary size of the contract, it is unreasonable to expect that any organization would be able to perform a complete manufacturing survey. Generating such information, with a sufficient level of certainty, is clearly outside the scope of the contract. Attachment 2 provides a more detailed discussion of this point. A second example, providing water demand projections at the SIC level, is not stipulated in the contract.

This letter, the TWDB comments, and Waterstone's responses have all been incorporated into an extensively revised final report. Waterstone is interested in resolving any outstanding issues at your earliest convenience. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1

ATTACHMENT 1 - RESPONSE TO TWDB COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REPORT: "WATER DEMAND METHODOLOGY AND PROJECTIONS FOR MINING AND MANUFACTURING", CONTRACT NO. 2001-483-397

The following pages provide details of any revisions Waterstone has made to the Draft report in response to TWDB comments. Revisions range from correcting simple formatting errors to modifying the analysis so that it accounts for counties exhibiting insensitivity to water demand.

The following provides the details of Waterstone's responses to the TWDB comments included in the letter dated December, 5th 2002. Except for the introductory set of paragraphs, the comments from the TWDB reviewers were provided with numbering or headings. The introductory paragraphs have been placed under the heading "General Comments" and are addressed first. The remainder of the document has been prepared to reflect the headings and numbering used by the TWDB.

General Comments Received From the TWDB

Paragraph One. Waterstone acknowledges that the draft form of the report may have made interpretation more difficult. At the same time, it is appropriate to point out the following facts:

- The projections are defensible. Waterstone has engaged in conversations and correspondence with the TWDB project manager (Dan Hardin) to explain the results that were included in the draft report.
- The eight-month delay of the final report included a period of approximately three months during which the TWDB did not supply any feedback on the draft report, despite requests for feedback (at the time the draft report was submitted, 9/2002, and one month thereafter).
- At the time that the TWDB did request clarification of certain numbers, Waterstone analyzed, updated numbers and provided a detailed response to the TWDB within three working days.

Paragraph Two and Table. The source of the data in the table provided by the reviewer is unclear. There were 254 counties examined in the model, the table appears to have targeted one individual county. In the initial draft, section 3.3 does provide justification for some of the differences between the TWDB (SWP 2002) and Waterstone forecasts. The differences between these two projections reflect some of the changes in trends that have occurred during the intervening years. Some projections from the SWP 2002 study are considerably different, and are unreasonable for the near future. Specific examples and more detailed justifications are discussed in later sections of this attachment.

Paragraph Three. Response to the individual items in the referenced table are organized in the same manner as the table produced by the TWDB reviewers.

Paragraph Four. Waterstone has revised the report to indicate when industry experts were consulted. In general, experts were consulted as part of the economic forecast process: the Perryman Group has developed a sophisticated forecasting methodology using expert input which is frequently updated/revised based on continuing expert input and as new data becomes available.

Paragraph Five. Waterstone will provide the manufacturing and mining economic forecasts at the 2 digit SIC code level that were produced by the Perryman Group.

Paragraph Six. Waterstone appreciates the acknowledgement of providing a "clear and concise" report. Unfortunately, the failures cited are vague. In the interest of serving the TWDB, Waterstone

will address each of the specific comments below in the hope that this addresses the reviewers' broad concerns expressed in this paragraph.

TASK 1: UNCERTAINTY ANALYSIS OF PREVIOUS TWDB WATER USE EFFICIENCY ESTIMATES

Response to comment numbers 1,2 and 3 The accuracy of the predictions from previous studies by the TWDB and Pequod cannot be ascertained since there has been no updated survey in the interim. A survey to update the data and evaluate prediction uncertainty would require a level of effort considerably beyond the scope of the current contract: an updated survey would require not only soliciting data, collecting it and analyzing it, but would also require some form of review. In addition, there would still be relatively large uncertainty in such updated values. Put simply, the range in uncertainty of any updates would probably encompass both the original values, as well as the revised values. As a result, it would probably not be possible to consider the revised values significantly different than the original values. A final note to put these issues in perspective: it is unlikely that any update in water use efficiency fact has changed by more than 10%. Given the magnitude of other changes over the course of the forecasting period, the impact of updates in water use efficiency factors would be minor compared to other changes.

Waterstone has modified the text, providing explanations for differences between the water demand surveys. The causes are identified and the supporting documentation cited. It should also be added that the comment "It is unclear why this discrepancy arises" (pp. 4 in the draft) should have been further developed. The intention of the statement was to convey the fact that Waterstone was not familiar with every detail of the methodology behind the TWDB model. This precluded an exact analysis of the source of differences in the results. The sentence has been modified to correctly reflect the reasons why an exact interpretation of differences between surveys was not possible.

TASK 2: INDUSTRY EXPERT ANALYSIS AND INPUT-OUTPUT ANALYSIS

- 1) To provide the water demand forecast, Waterstone sought the assistance of the Perryman Group to provide economic output forecasts for the years 2000-2050. Inherent in their studies, TPG has consulted many experts in the manufacturing and mining industries. Please see further discussion provided by TPG in attachment 3.
- 2) Please see the response to previous bullet.
- 3) Please see the response to the first bullet of this section.
- 4) The data to identify industries where production is not directly related to water use is not readily available (Personal communication with: Jan Gersten, EDF; Bill Hoffman City of Austin; Irwin Margiloff, Chemical Engineer; 2003). From a qualitative standpoint, one can say that the manufacturing industry as a whole has very few examples of production that is not heavily correlated with water use. One of the best examples of an industry that may have minimal correlation is the garment industry (Bill Hoffman, personal communication, 2003). However, there are several caveats to this statement. First of all, it would be the assembly side of the garment industry that is not heavily dependent on water consumption for production. This aspect of the industry has been relatively mobile, with considerable changes in its presence over recent decades. A second point is that there are segments of the industry that rely on water for production. An example is dyeing; the process of coloring fabrics requires large amounts of water. In summary, most of the manufacturing industry relies on water for production, but for examples where the correlation is not that strong, it probably only applies to a portion of that industry's segment.

TASK 3: WATER DEMAND FORECAST BY INDUSTRY

- 1) The TWDB comment acknowledges completion of this task. No response is necessary.

The intent of the final comment in this section is unclear. However, in an effort to provide clarification Waterstone has supplied a detailed explanation of The Perryman Group's methodology in Attachment 3.

TASK 4: REPORTING

- 1) The TWDB comment acknowledges completion of this task. No response is necessary.
- 2) Waterstone has engaged the TWDB contract manager in multiple conference calls. A Waterstone representative, Carla Johnson (CEO), has traveled to meet with Dan on two separate occasions, to discuss status and timing of the project. A final presentation has not been performed since the results have yet to be accepted. However, considering the level of effort incorporated into responses to the TWDB's requests and comments, a final meeting is not anticipated at this time.

The first comment following the numbered items in this section seems to contradict the feedback expressed in comment number one. However, in an effort to address the concerns expressed, Waterstone has made considerable revisions to the report, providing additional details regarding the approaches and procedures used to develop the report.

The Perryman Group Study is included as an appendix in the final report.

Please see the response to comment number two of this section, explaining the circumstances leading to a decision to focus efforts on analysis rather than travel.

COMMENTS REGARDING PORTIONS OF THE REPORT

- 1) This section focuses primarily on the reviewer's desire to obtain water-use coefficients at the 2-digit SIC code level. This analysis was not supplied to the TWDB for two reasons:
 - Neither the contract nor proposal specified performing such analysis,
 - The TWDB is unable to release the water-use data at this level of detail.If the data had been available, Waterstone probably would have performed this analysis simply to provide more insight. Without this information, Waterstone would face the unreasonable task of performing a survey for each of the 254 counties, to study the amount of water that each industry in each county consumes, since water usage within each industry also varies by county and locality. It is acknowledged that certain industries use water in a disproportionate amount to their economic output. However, the economic output data provided by TPG show that, for the most part, there is little fluctuation in the percentage of the economic contribution by industry (typically the maximum change from year 2010 to 2050 is approximately 10%). Therefore, despite the fact that a particular industry will use more water than another, a county's characteristics of the water-use trend will remain the same since their proportion of the economic output is proportionately constant. It is unreasonable to suggest that Waterstone provide such analysis considering the size of the contract, the uncertainty involved with

producing such a data set as part of a small research grant, and the fact that the analysis was not proposed.

- 2) Conflicts between the text and analysis have been corrected so that the text now correctly reflects the analysis indicated.

COMMENTS REGARDING THE WATER DEMAND PROJECTIONS

Waterstone has analyzed the cause for the discrepancies between the TWDB 2002 plan and the Waterstone forecasts. Without knowing the exact details of how the TWDB 2002 water demand forecast was determined, the source of discrepancies between the two forecasts cannot be explicitly identified. However, the following discusses three of the primary factors contributing to these discrepancies.

- 1) The values from the 2002 SWP do not appear to reflect recent water use patterns. Four such manufacturing examples brought into question by TWDB are Harrison, Comal, Milam, and Williamson.

HARRISON	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TWDB (actual)	75,039	49,692	46,461	6,323	6,223	--	--	--	--	--	--
TWDB (forecast)	--	--	--	--	--	110,588	135,166	141,913	147,949	161,370	176,471
Waterstone	--	--	--	--	--	11,776	13,780	17,123	20,228	25,458	31,093

COMAL	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TWDB (actual)	3,248	11,964	8,171	8,650	7,883	--	--	--	--	--	--
TWDB (forecast)	--	--	--	--	--	3,450	3,487	3,548	3,799	4,071	4,351
Waterstone	--	--	--	--	--	9,109	10,990	14,209	17,456	22,718	28,493

MILAM	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TWDB (actual)	22,047	45,124	42,224	41,325	39,816	--	--	--	--	--	--
TWDB (forecast)	--	--	--	--	--	6,820	6,820	8,250	8,250	8,250	9,800
Waterstone	--	--	--	--	--	39,880	50,311	68,833	89,146	121,036	157,550

WILLIAMSON	1990	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TWDB (actual)	326	1225	1328	1268	1182	--	--	--	--	--	--
TWDB (forecast)	--	--	--	--	--	368	398	409	405	443	481
Waterstone	--	--	--	--	--	1397	1609.5	2035	2457	2857	3157

In each of these cases the historic water use trend exhibited for the years 1996 through 1999 is not reflected in the TWDB forecast for the year 2000. The TWDB water forecast for the year 2000 appears to have overestimated or underestimated the water demand by a considerable amount. In most of these cases, the water demand projections from the 2002 State Water Plan do not reflect trends occurring during the late 1990s. For example, in Harrison county the water-use has been dropping since 1996 and is an order of magnitude smaller in 1999 than 1990. The TWDB forecast for 2000 shows water-use rate that are in line with the 1990 water-

use levels while the Waterstone forecast reflects the recent reduction in water use. Other counties exhibiting this situation for manufacturing include Bell, Brazoria, and Kimble.

- 2) The greatest discrepancies between the TWDB and Waterstone forecasts appear in later years, after 2030. The water demand forecasts are strongly dependent on the economic output variable. For some counties there exists a high incremental economic output after 2030 resulting in higher water demands. Just a few examples of such counties are Travis, Jefferson, Bosque, McLenna, and Orange for manufacturing.
- 3) There were some counties where the water use trend appeared to be insensitive to the economic output. There are about a 20 counties, about 10% of all counties, that fall under this category. For these counties a secondary model has been put into place and the water demand forecast has been modified. Some of the counties that use the secondary algorithm include Dallas, Harris, and Bexar.

Lastly, as a point of discussion, it is worth noting that it would be unreasonable for the values of both models to be identical considering some of the changes that have occurred in the interim. It is reasonable to expect that projections 5 decades into the future would differ markedly considering the differences in the trends and data available at the time of the respective studies.

METHODOLOGY

Response to 1st paragraph of the section: The first paragraph simply serves as an introduction. No response is necessary.

Response to 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of the section:

Waterstone was unable to obtain water use data at the 2-digit SIC level. As a result, the available five, water-use efficiency factors by SIC code were not uniquely applied and instead, an average was used. Furthermore, a 2-digit SIC level analysis is beyond the scope of the contract.

Response to 4th paragraph of the section:

In Attachment 3, a detailed description of the econometric model used to provide county 2-digit SIC gross output data is provided.

Response to 5th paragraph of the section:

Without water-use at the 2-digit SIC and not knowing the percent of water-use used by each manufacturing for each individual county, it is not possible to apply water-use efficiency factors at the 2-digit SIC level.

Response to 6th paragraph of the section:

The model incorporates historic trends with emphasis on the water use trends in the recent past. This inherently accounts for the variations in the manufacturing use assuming the proportion of the manufacturing use does not vary a great deal. The economic output data provided by TPG show for the most part there is very little fluctuation in the percentage of the economic output contributed by each industry (approximately a maximum of 10% change from year 2010 to 2050).

Response to 7th paragraph of the section:

The model inherently reflects current water use trends. Technological advances are studied as a necessary condition to the TPG econometric model.

Response to 8th paragraph of the section:

There has been no historic use of water use efficiency factors for mining. Limited resources may require significant changes in recovery methods, e.g. switching to secondary recovery. Such recovery method changes could dramatically modify any estimated potential efficiency changes. Assessing recovery methods would require evaluating on a site-by-site, and resource-by-resource basis, an effort well outside the scope of this project.

Response to 9th paragraph of the section:

TPG responds directly to this concern in Attachment 3 and Attachment 4.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- As a result of formatting errors in the draft report, data in these tables were not presented correctly. This has been resolved.

MANUFACTURING PROJECTIONS

The following bullets address each of the TWDB’s bulleted comments for this section.

- This has been rectified. The “#Div/0!” errors were indications of a zero water demand. Zero water demand is now indicated.
- Based on recent historic water demand use, the TWDB forecast appears to overestimate the water demand for Harrison. See table above in the section, “Comments Regarding The Water Demand Projections” for Harrison County.
- Based on recent historic water demand use, the TWDB forecast appears to overestimate the water demand for Comal. See table above in the section, “Comments Regarding The Water Demand Projections” for Comal County.
- Jasper is one of a dozen counties which exhibit insensitivity to economic output. The second algorithm has been applied this county.
- See above in “Comments Regarding The Water Demand Projections”.
- See above in “Comments Regarding The Water Demand Projections”.

MINING PROJECTIONS

The following bullets address each of the TWDB’s bulleted comments for this section.

- Based on the historic use pattern for these three counties, the TWDB appears to greatly overestimate the water use.

Lee	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TWDB actual	16	16	16	16	16	---	---	---	---	---	---
Waterstone TWDB forecast	---	---	---	---	---	14.86	19.84	24.91	28.12	31.49	35.08
	---	---	---	---	---	30	20021	25013	25005	25001	25000

Matagorda	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TWDB actual	277	277	251	196	196	---	---	---	---	---	---
Waterstone TWDB forecast	---	---	---	---	---	158.58	218.48	279.28	321.76	367.56	417.23
						5299	6956	6945	6942	6942	6949

Milam	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
TWDB actual	8	8	8	8	8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Waterstone TWDB forecast	---	---	---	---	---	8.01	12.00	15.80	18.72	21.95	25.53
						30008	20008	20009	20009	20009	20009

- The explanatory variable (predictor) for the water demand is based on the economic output forecasted into the future provided by TPG. In all these counties, the economic output shows an increase that will result in an increase in water demand, in contrast to the decrease in the TWDB forecast.
- The explanations provided in the section, “Comments Regarding The Water Demand Projections”, are also applicable here. In most of these cases, the higher water demand is a reflection of the economic output forecast.

At the time that TPG conducted their economic output study, the gross state product data released from the US Department of Commerce was only available through 1999 (with preliminary estimates for 2000). The subsequent release (after the projections were submitted) showed values of \$37.6 billion and \$29.9 billion for 1999 and 2000, respectively. These rather sizable revisions in the historical series (which mostly reflect the way price indices are constructed for this series), in turn affects the economic output values (Attachment 4, Dr. Perryman’s response to this issue, provides additional details).

A calibration adjustment was made on the mining economic output to account for the updated 2000 values by applying a constant factor to the existing forecast. The ratio of the “new” to the “old” values for each decade is given below:

Year	New/Old
2000	0.6626
2010	0.6458
2020	0.6557
2030	0.6655
2040	0.6754
2050	0.6854

Final paragraph of the section:

The sections above provide explanations for the differences between the Waterstone and TWDB water demand forecasts for the counties mentioned in the TWDB comments.

Attachment 2

ATTACHMENT 2: DISSCUSSION REGARDING AN UPDATED WATER USE SURVEY.

One of the comments Waterstone received as a result of the TWDB's review of Waterstone's Draft Report identified the lack of an updated survey. This attachment discusses the reasons why such a request is unreasonable considering the scope and focus of the current research. The discussion below focuses on two areas:

1. The level of effort required to perform a survey, as demonstrated by a previous survey.
2. The level of confidence associated with the water use survey information.

In 1993 Pequod Associates performed a water use survey for the TWDB. The TWDB retained Pequod Associates specifically to "perform research on the industrial water usage of several groups of manufacturers in Texas"¹. The research was intended to "establish linkages between conservation and the specifics of plant history, technology, costs, products, production levels, and other aspects of industrial operations". Pequod Associates mailed 365 questionnaires. The Pequod report points out (Methodology, page three, second paragraph) that both the TWDB and many of the firms targeted may have had issues regarding the proprietary nature of responses to many of the questions. Addressing these concerns required specific procedures to ensure that the certain aspects of the information collected would not be made available. The Pequod report describes an involved process of designing a survey, distributing it, expending "considerable" effort to achieve a 25% response rate, expert screening of submitted data to ascertain if the responses were reasonable or if the questionnaire had been misinterpreted, and a variety of procedures to protect proprietary information.

In an effort to understand some of the uncertainty associated with updating a water use survey, Waterstone contacted a variety of professionals in the water conservation field. These included:

- Jan Gersten, with the Environmental Defense Fund and Texas A&M
- Irwin Margiloff, Chemical Engineer, Efficiency Consultant
- Bill Hoffman, City of Austin, Industrial Water Conservation Expert

The discussion with these professionals focused on trying to understand the complexity of completing an accurate water use survey. Points of discussion included

1. Variability below the 2-digit SIC level.
2. Variability and uncertainty in trends at 2-digit SIC level.
3. Limitations as a result of uncertainty at the 2-digit SIC level.

The general consensus was that a survey would inevitably include considerable uncertainty, which would require careful analysis to determine reasonable applications of the data.

Based on the level of effort involved with the Pequod's original survey, and the inherent uncertainty, it is unreasonable to expect Waterstone to provide an updated survey as part of the report for TWDB contract number 2001-483-397.

¹ Pequod Associates Inc., Texas Industrial Water Use Efficiency Report, prepared for the Texas Water Development Board, October, 1993.

Attachment 3

ATTACHMENT 3: THE PERRYMAN GROUP'S RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM THE TWDB

January 20, 2003

TO: Wendy Cheung

FROM: Ray Perryman

SUBJECT: TWDB

As requested, I have examined the material that you provided. To assist you in the final report, I will offer a few observations. I will address the issues in the order they appeared in your memo.

As to the documentation, I provided a brief description of the modeling process (which is really more econometric than input-output in nature). I am attaching an Appendix which we include in our subscription forecast which provides more detail on the overall process.

With regard to the technological changes, no one knows with certainty that advances will be made over a period of five decades. We model the interaction of employment and output simultaneously with explicit technological factors in the system (a basic neo-classical growth function). This approach captures historical patterns in productivity (including changes in the rate of increase) in technological progress. Beyond that, the adjustment factors include input from significant participants in every major sector of the economy. This type of input is obtained by The Perryman Group on a regular basis as part of our standard forecasting practice (as has been the case for more than 20 years) and all information is provided on a confidential basis. Although we don't retain any work papers on these matters once a forecast cycle is completed, I feel very comfortable in saying that dozens of knowledgeable industry experts were consulted.

The scenarios were described to some extent earlier, but I will endeavor to be more descriptive. The high and low values used input variables from "high growth" and "low growth" national economic scenarios prepared by major national forecasting models. These exogenous variables were simulated to develop alternative forecasts by industry on a short-term basis. These results were tested for reasonableness and modified as necessary. The results were then extrapolated into the future, subject to constraints which limited their degree of variation to reasonable levels. Even modest variations, when expanded over 50 years, can produce widespread patterns in some sectors.

Finally, I'm not sure what I can add to my prior remarks about mining. I can only say that both the historical patterns and the current status of the mineral (oil and gas) sector would argue against extrapolating 50 years of history from two years of data. I would also again emphasize that, while mineral output in the form of barrels of oil extracted will decline due to geological factors, the gross product measure (and the implications for water use) will not decline proportionately. As activity occurs to replace depleted resources, it will require more resources per barrel than in earlier years (and the corresponding need for more water per barrel). I dare say that the large drops in gross product in the past two years (as measured on a constant dollar basis) did not bring a proportional drop in water requirements. As to the disagreement of our forecast with the Comptroller's, I am not certain of the approach used in those projections. We are normally, but not always, reasonably close. I can do no more than point to 25 years of experience, as well as the fact that I live in the Permian Basin, publish a quarterly newsletter directed exclusively to oil and gas, have most of the major oil companies as long-term clients, am an advisor to the US Department of Energy, and am extremely familiar with the oil and gas sector. Having said that, I would also add that there are certainly no guarantees associated with economic forecasts, particularly those spanning a half century in a highly volatile sector.

I hope that the information in this memo helps you to finalize the report.

TECHNICAL EXPLANATION

The models used in developing the Perryman Economic Forecast are formulated in an internally consistent manner and are designed to permit the integration of relevant global, national, state, and local factors into the projection process. They are the result of more than 20 years of continuing research in econometrics, economic theory, statistical methods, and key policy issues and behavioral patterns, as well as intensive, ongoing study of all aspects of the global, US, and Texas economies.

The remainder of this Technical Appendix describes the forecasting process in a comprehensive manner, focusing on both the modeling and the supplemental analysis. The overall methodology, while certainly not ensuring perfect foresight, permits an enormous body of relevant information to impact the economic outlook in a systematic manner.

Model Logic and Structure

The expanded version of the Texas Econometric Model, developed and maintained by The Perryman Group, revolves around a core system which projects output, income, and employment by industry in a simultaneous manner. For purposes of illustration, it is useful to initially consider the employment functions. Essentially, employment within the system is a derived demand relationship obtained from a neo-Classical production function. The expressions are augmented to include dynamic temporal adjustments to changes in relative factor input costs, output and

(implicitly) productivity, and technological progress over time. Thus, the typical equation includes output, the relative real cost of labor and capital, dynamic lag structures, and a technological adjustment parameter. The functional form is logarithmic, thus preserving the theoretical consistency with the neo-Classical formulation.

The income segment of the model is divided into wage and non-wage components. The wage equations, like their employment counterparts, are individually estimated at the two-digit Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) level of aggregation. Hence, income by place of work is measured for approximately 70 distinct production categories. The wage equations measure real compensation, with the form of the variable structure differing between “basic” and “non-basic.”

The basic industries, comprised primarily of the various components of Mining, Agriculture, and Manufacturing, are export-oriented, i.e., they bring external dollars into the area and form the core of the economy. The production of these sectors typically flows into national and international markets; hence, the labor markets are influenced by conditions in areas beyond the borders of the particular region. Thus, real (inflation-adjusted) wages in the basic industry are expressed as a function of the corresponding national rates, as well as measures of local labor market conditions (the reciprocal of the unemployment rate), dynamic adjustment parameters, and ongoing trends.

The “non-basic” sectors are somewhat different in nature, as the strength of their labor markets is linked to the health of the local export sectors. Consequently, wages in these industries are related to those in the basic segment of the economy. The relationship also includes the local labor market measures contained in the basic wage equations.

Note that compensation rates in the export or “basic” sectors provide a key element of the interaction of the regional economies with national and international market phenomena, while the “non-basic” or local industries are strongly impacted by area production levels. Given the wage and employment equations, multiplicative identities in each industry provide expressions for total compensation; these totals may then be aggregated to determine aggregate wage and salary income. Simple linkage equations are then estimated for the calculation of personal income by place of work.

The non-labor aspects of personal income are modeled at the regional level using straightforward empirical expressions relating to national performance, dynamic responses, and evolving temporal patterns. In some instances (such as dividends, rents, and others) national variables (for example, interest rates) directly enter the forecasting system. These factors have numerous other implicit linkages into the system resulting from their simultaneous interaction with other phenomena in national and international markets which are explicitly included in various expressions.

The output or gross area product expressions are also developed at the two-digit SIC level. Regional output for basic industries is linked to national performance in the relevant industries, local and national production in key related sectors, relative area and national labor costs in the industry, dynamic adjustment parameters, and ongoing changes in industrial interrelationships (driven by technological changes in production processes).

Output in the non-basic sectors is modeled as a function of basic production levels, output in related local support industries (if applicable), dynamic temporal adjustments, and ongoing patterns. The interindustry linkages are obtained from the input-output (impact assessment) system which is part of the overall integrated modeling structure maintained by The Perryman

Group. Note that the dominant component of the econometric system involves the simultaneous estimation and projection of output, income, and employment at a disaggregated industrial level.

Several other components of the model are critical to the multi-regional forecasting process. The demographic module includes (1) a linkage equation between wage and salary (establishment) employment and household employment, (2) a labor force participation rate function, and (3) a complete age-cohort-survival population system with endogenous migration. Given household employment, labor force participation (which is a function of economic conditions and evolving patterns of worker preferences), and the working age population (from the age-cohort-survival model), the unemployment rate and level become identities.

The population system uses Census information, fertility rates, and life tables to determine the "natural" changes in population by age group. Migration, the most difficult segment of population dynamics to track, is estimated in relation to relative regional and extra-regional economic conditions over time. Because evolving economic conditions determine migration in the system, population changes are allowed to interact simultaneously with overall economic conditions.

Retail sales is related to income, interest rates, dynamic adjustments, and patterns in consumer behavior on a store group basis. Inflation at the state level relates to national patterns, indicators of relative economic conditions, and ongoing trends.

A final significant segment of the forecasting system relates to real estate absorption and activity. The short-term demand for various types of property is determined by underlying economic and demographic factors, with short-term adjustments to reflect the current status of the pertinent building cycle. In some instances, this portion of the forecast requires integration with the Multi-Regional Industry-Occupation System which is maintained by The Perryman Group.

The overall Texas Econometric Model contains numerous additional specifications, and individual expressions are modified to reflect alternative lag structures, empirical properties of the estimates, simulation requirements, and similar phenomena. Nonetheless, the above synopsis offers a basic understanding of the overall structure and underlying logic of the system.

Model Simulation and Multi-Regional Structure

The initial phase of the simulation process is the execution of a standard non-linear algorithm for the state system and that of each of the individual sub-areas. The external assumptions are derived from scenarios developed through national and international models and extensive analysis by The Perryman Group.

Once the initial simulations are completed, they are merged into a single system with additive constraints and interregional flows. Using information on minimum regional requirements, import needs, export potential, and locations, it becomes possible to balance the various forecasts into a mathematically consistent set of results. This process is, in effect, a disciplining exercise with regard to the individual regional (including metropolitan and rural) systems. By compelling equilibrium across all regions and sectors, the algorithm ensures that the patterns in state activity are reasonable in light of smaller area dynamics and, conversely, that the regional outlooks are within plausible performance levels for the state as a whole.

The iterative simulation process has the additional property of imposing a global convergence criterion across the entire multi-regional system, with balance being achieved simultaneously on both a sectoral and a geographic basis. This approach is particularly critical on non-linear dynamic

systems, as independent simulations of individual systems often yield unstable, non-convergent outcomes.

It should be noted that the underlying data for the modeling and simulation process are frequently updated and revised by the various public and private entities compiling them. Whenever those modifications to the database occur, they bring corresponding changes to the structural parameter estimates of the various systems and the solutions to the simulation and forecasting system. The multi-regional version of the Texas Econometric Model is automatically re-estimated and simulated with each such data release, thus providing a constantly evolving and current assessment of state and local business activity.

The Final Forecast

The process described above is followed to produce the preliminary forecast. Through the comprehensive multi-regional modeling and simulation process, a systematic analysis is generated which accounts for both historical patterns in economic performance and inter-relationships and best available information on the future course of pertinent external factors. While the best available techniques and data are employed in this effort, they are not capable of directly capturing "street sense," i.e., the contemporaneous and often non-quantifiable information that can materially affect economic outcomes. In order to provide a comprehensive approach to the prediction of business conditions, it is necessary to compile and assimilate extensive material regarding "what's happenin'" both across the state of Texas and elsewhere.

This critical aspect of the forecasting methodology includes activities such as (1) daily review of hundreds of financial and business publications and electronic information sites; (2) review of all major newspapers in the state on a daily basis; (3) dozens of hours of direct telephone interviews with key business and political leaders in all parts of the state; (4) face-to-face discussions with representatives of major industry groups; and (5) frequent site visits to the various regions of the state. The insights arising from this "fact finding" are analyzed and evaluated for their effects on the likely course of the future activity.

Another vital information resource stems from the firm's ongoing interaction with key players in the international, domestic, and state economic scenes. Such activities include visiting with corporate groups on a regular basis and being regularly involved in the policy process at all levels. The firm is also an active participant in many major corporate relocations, economic development initiatives, and regulatory proceedings.

Once organized, this information is carefully assessed and, when appropriate, independently verified. The impact on specific communities and sectors that is distinct from what is captured by the econometric system is then factored into the forecast analysis. For example, the opening or closing of a major facility, particularly in a relatively small area, can cause a sudden change in business performance that will not be accounted for by either a modeling system based on historical relationships or expected (primarily national and international) factors.

The final step in the forecasting process is the integration of this material into the results in a logical and mathematically consistent manner. In some instances, this task is accomplished through "constant adjustment factors" which augment relevant equations. In other cases, anticipated changes in industrial structure or regulatory parameters are initially simulated within the context of the Texas Multi-Regional Impact Assessment System to estimate their ultimate effects by sector. Those findings are then factored into the simulation as constant adjustments on a distributed temporal basis. Once this scenario is formulated, the extended system is again

balanced across regions and sectors through an iterative simulation algorithm analogous to that described in the preceding section.

There are those who maintain that the best forecasts are generated by complex models that capture the interactive forces that drive economic activity. There are others who claim that the optimal approach is to rely on the informed judgment of those who are involved in the process. On this issue, I stand firmly in the middle. I have long held that well-developed models are invaluable tools. They impose logic and consistency on millions of interrelated phenomena and, when properly structured, provide key insights into the ways in which changes in part of the economy work through the entire system. On the other hand, I realize that the knowledge on the streets (both Main and Wall) is equally essential to reliable forecasting. I view my mission for my clients and subscribers as providing the best information I possibly can. I can only do that by combining the two approaches.

As much as some of my colleagues in the quantitative world hate to admit it, there is an irrefutable rationale in statistical theory for using judgmental, non-quantitative information in the preparation of forecasts. Specifically, the desirable property of statistical efficiency (minimum variance) can only be achieved if a prior condition, known as statistical sufficiency, is satisfied. Statistical sufficiency, in turn, requires that all relevant information be used, be it an economic time series published by a government agency or the thoughts and insights of a local building contractor. It's really pretty simple: the more relevant the information, the better the forecast.

Synopsis

No forecasting technique is perfect. There are no guarantees. Wars, assassinations, natural disasters, technological breakthroughs, and countless other factors can alter the course of the economy in a heartbeat. Subtle changes in the underlying structure of the economy may not be perceptible in the data for decades, and the future policy environment is anything but certain. Consumer and business expectations can shift with the wind, responding to things far removed from local conditions. At The Perryman Group, we don't promise perfect forecasts. To do so would be patently foolish. We do pledge, however, to use the best information and systems available to provide a reasonable, rational picture of the future course of economic activity. Our expanded modeling systems reflect this commitment which has been consistent and unyielding over the course of the past two decades.

Attachment 4

ATTACHMENT 4: THE PERRYMAN GROUP'S RESPONSE TO DISCREPANCIES REPORTED BY THE TWDB TO WATERSTONE DURING DECEMBER 2002.

December 9, 2002

Via email: barth@waterstoneinc.com
TO: Gil Barth, Waterstone, Inc.
FROM: Ray Perryman
SUBJECT: Mining Forecast

As requested, I have prepared this memo to discuss the mining forecast prepared as part of the project for the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). At the time we prepared this forecast in accordance with the project schedule, the gross state product data release from the US Department of Commerce was only available through 1999 (with preliminary estimates for 2000). This release showed a 1999 value of \$43.1 billion and at 2000 estimate of 45.1 billion for real gross product in mining. The subsequent release (after the projections were submitted) showed values of \$37.6 billion and \$29.9 billion for 1999 and 2000, respectively. These rather sizable revisions in the historical series (which mostly reflect the way price indices are constructed for this series) has evidently led to some confusion regarding the forecast.

Let me begin by saying that the estimates are in constant 1996 dollars. Any confusion in that point evidently stems from two sources. First, the 1990 values for real (\$39.7 billion) and nominal (\$39.6 billion) gross product in mining are very similar. This fact reflects nothing more the fact that 1990 prices were very close to 1996 prices (the deflator for 1990 was close to 1). Second, new nominal (current dollar) gross product value of \$46.2 billion in 2000 is actually closer in magnitude to the prior estimate of real gross product for 2000 (\$45.1 billion) than is the new 2000 value for real output (\$29.9 billion). In reality, all measures in the forecast are in real (1996 dollars) terms.

Second, you raised a concern that, because real output has fallen for the past two years, you evidently feel that it should decline for the next five decades. All I can do is respectfully disagree and perhaps provide some perspective. First, it is true that mining production (primarily oil and gas in Texas) has decline for the past 30 years as measured in terms of barrels-of-oil equivalents. This pattern is indeed likely to persist, more as a matter of geology than anything else. That is not the same thing, however, as saying that gross product as measured on a national income accounting basis is declining. Gross product is essentially value-added (output value less costs of purchased goods and services inputs). As oilfields age, it takes more effort (such as labor inputs) to extract minerals. Thus, the same number of barrels will often be associated with more gross product. Because secondary recovery methods often result in higher levels of water use per barrel of extraction, gross product would seem to be a superior measure for water planning analysis.

Second, it is quite inappropriate to extrapolate 50 years into the future based on 2 years of history. Over the past 30 years of declines in barrels of production, real gross product in mining has gone up 17 years and down 13 years. The vast majority of the changes in direction occurred after one or two years, with a five-year positive trend being the longest. Moreover, preliminary values for 2001 and 2002 indicate that the negative pattern in 1999 and 2000 has already been reversed.

If you wish to make a calibration adjustment to reflect the 2000 revision, I would suggest that you do so using ratios of our state baseline forecast based on the most recent data release. The ratio of the "new" to the "old" values for each decade is given below:

2000	0.6626
2010	0.6458
2020	0.6557
2030	0.6655
2040	0.6754
2050	0.6854

If you have additional questions, please let me know.